

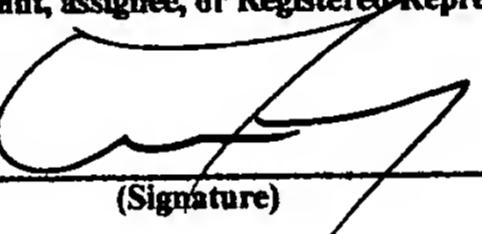
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: